REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2008. The Office Action is an election of species requirement. The Patent Office states that the Office Action contains distinct species. Specifically, the Patent Office states that the Office Action contains claims directed to: a device for heating of a liquid in a beverage machine comprising a tube (24) arranged so that liquid can traverse the tube or flat base for being heated; and a device for heating of a liquid in a beverage machine comprising a flat base arranged so that liquid can traverse the flat base for being heated. Applicants elect, without traverse, the species "a tube (24) arranged so that liquid can traverse the tube or flat base for being heated." Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

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